

CLASSIFICATION <u>SECRET</u>		REPORT
COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>		
TOPIC <u>Finsterwalde Airfield</u>		
EVALUATION <u></u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u></u>	
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DATE OBTAINED <u></u>	DATE PREPARED <u>24 September 1954</u>	
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finsterwalde airfield between 20 and 29 August 1954:

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20 to 22 August. No flying was practiced.

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23 August. Five to 7 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s including single-seaters and two-seaters made local flights. Each aircraft circled the field about 5 times before landing. Subsequently, the pilot was exchanged and, at the same time, the aircraft refueled.

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24 August. There was flying as on the preceding day. The weather was 4/10 to 6/10 overcast at an altitude of about 500 meters and visibility of about 6 km.

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25 August. There was air activity but no details were observed.

26 August. Between 0630 and 1900, flying was practiced. Contrary to previous observations the aircraft which had circled the field about five times before landing were not refueled after each landing. The pilot was again exchanged after each local flight. Between 1400 and 1800, one MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 practiced diving

27 to 29 August. No air activity was observed.

2. Shipments observed on the spur track of the field included 7 tank cars on 23 August and 6 tank cars and 1 boxcar with timber on 27 August. On 25 August, two searchlights with an estimated diameter of 150 cm arrived at the field.¹

3. In August, ammunition of aircraft weapons was found on the former auxiliary airfield at Dabern-Gahro after air-to-ground firing practices. The base of

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Comment. The retraining of pilots of the Southern Ground Attack Division in MiG-15s continued at Finsterwalde airfield.

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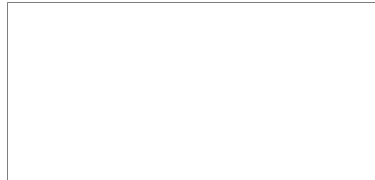


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 Comment. The cartridge case  belongs to a 23-mm projectile. 25X1



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